Everest. Our international group consisted of Frenchmen Michel Vincent, leader, Jean-Pierre Maurus, Phillipe Arvis, Spanish Basque José Luis Sesma, Mexican Oscar Rodríguez, Canadian John Arnold, Sherpani Pasang Lhamu, and Americans David Powers and me. Arnold and I had originally been with another American team but switched when invited by Vincent. We arrived at Base Camp on September 5. With our Sherpas, we prepared the standard route with the six other expeditions. We put in the route between Camps II and III on the lower Lhotse Face. All nine members reached Camp IV on the South Col on September 24, but no one got above 8200 meters due to wind and stove malfunctions. A second attempt failed in even higher winds. At that time, all but Vincent, Arnold and I gave up. Finally, on October 7, Vincent made a solo ascent from Camp IV. On October 9, I successfully climbed solo to the summit.

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Skiing Off Mount Everest. In the pre-monsoon season, German Reinhard Patscheider skied down the normal South Col route on Mount Everest from 8400 meters. His record was beaten on September 27 when Frenchman Pierre Tardivel skied from the South Summit (8748 meters, 28,702 feet). He used supplementary oxygen during his descent. Also in the spring, Hans Kammerlander and Norbert Joos skied down from 7800 meters on the north side of Everest.

Everest, Winter Attempt. Ten British climbers and an American under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Philip Neame unsuccessfully attempted to climb Everest via the South Col. They reached a high point of 7850 meters on the Lhotse Face on December 22.

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Everest Solo Winter Attempt and Death of a Sherpa, 1993. Spaniard Fernando Garrido made an unsuccessful solo attempt on the South Col route on Mount Everest. He was helped by a few Nepalese climbers to get safely through the Khumbu Icefall and to stock Advance Base at 6400 meters. On January 15, 1993, Ang Tshering Sherpa was carrying a load into the Cwm when he plunged into a bottomless crevasse. On February 3, Garrido made a bid to reach the South Col, but he was too tired to get above 7750 meters. This was his high point.

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Pumori Pre-Monsoon Attempt, Ascent and Tragedy. Two Germans and an Austrian led by Christof Drechsel attempted to climb Pumori (7161 meters, 23,494 feet) by the normal route. They reached a high point of 6300 meters on March 24. Some time later, a South Korean expedition of five, led by Seo Seoung-Soo, attempted the peak. On May 12, the leader Seo, Seo Yeong-Deok, Kim Baek-Gyoon and Nepalese Bhakta Bahadur Rai completed the 73rd ascent